

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: County Road Naming Policy (Board's Option).

REQUESTED ACTION: Discussion

☐ Work Session (Report Only)

☒ Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 3/23/2010

☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☒ N/A

Effective Date: _____

Managing Division / Dept: _____

Vendor/Entity: _____

Termination Date: _____

Planning

BUDGET IMPACT:

☐ Annual

☐ Capital

☒ N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: _____

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: _____

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The following provides a brief overview of applicable State and local regulations related to road naming:

Florida Statutes, Section 336.05, authorizes the Board to name and rename roads under their maintenance jurisdiction and to have final approval of road names as part of new subdivision plats.

Sumter County Land Development Code Subdivision Regulations provide that road names in new subdivisions can not be duplicative of existing road names in the unincorporated area of the county.

Sumter County Public Works Road Policies provide that all roads within new subdivisions shall be named or numbered consistent with the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations.

None of the applicable regulations or policies mandate that County maintained roads be given a road name with a "C" or "CR" designation (i.e. C-466 or CR 101). In addition, none of the applicable regulation or policies mandate that privately maintained roads are named in a specific manner (i.e. SE 132nd St.)

The historic County practice of naming County maintained roads was to assign the road a name with a "C" or "CR" designation (i.e. C-466 or CR 101). A primary benefit of the historic practice was the ease in identifying those road segments that are the maintenance responsibility of the County.

However, many roadways within The Villages are County maintained and do not carry a "C" or "CR" designation. In addition, the adoption in 2009 of the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreements with the cities of Center Hill, Webster, and Wildwood provided for the transition of some "CR" County maintained road segments to the cities on October 1, 2009. These roads that transitioned to city jurisdiction have retained their original "CR" road name. As a result of these two issues, the reliance of a road name with a "C" or "CR" designation can no longer be the primary source to determine County maintenance jurisdiction.

The Sumter County Geographic Information System (GIS), in coordination with Public Works, maintains a road database that identifies road segments that are County maintained.

Notwithstanding the requirement of the Board to approve road names within its jurisdiction, road names within developments, which may or may not be maintained by the County, are often critical components of developing community identity and cohesiveness within the development. A strict County imposed requirement that roads must be named in a certain manner could limit the effectiveness of the road names supporting community identity and cohesiveness. The Villages road names are a good example of how road names are able to promote community identity and cohesiveness.

The Board previously approved a policy related to the “honorary” naming of a County maintained road. The “honorary” named road still maintains the official County “C” or “CR” designation.

In response to the Board’s discussion at the March 16, 2010, workshop, staff prepared a series of flow charts illustrating the current road naming process and three (3) potential optional road naming processes. The current process and three (3) potential optional road naming processes all include a review by staff to assure no duplication in road names and final approval of the road names by the Board. The difference between the options is the level of County regulatory oversight in the naming of a road within a development project. The three (3) options all provide for an exception for road naming in The Villages Development of Regional Impact pursuant to previous agreement with the County.

The following provides a brief summary of the current process and the three (3) options.

Current Process – Developers may choose to allow the County to assign the road names or to propose their own road names, regardless if the road is dedicated to the County for maintenance or is privately maintained.

Option 1 – Require all roads, County and private maintained, be named by the County and not allow for developer to propose their own road names.

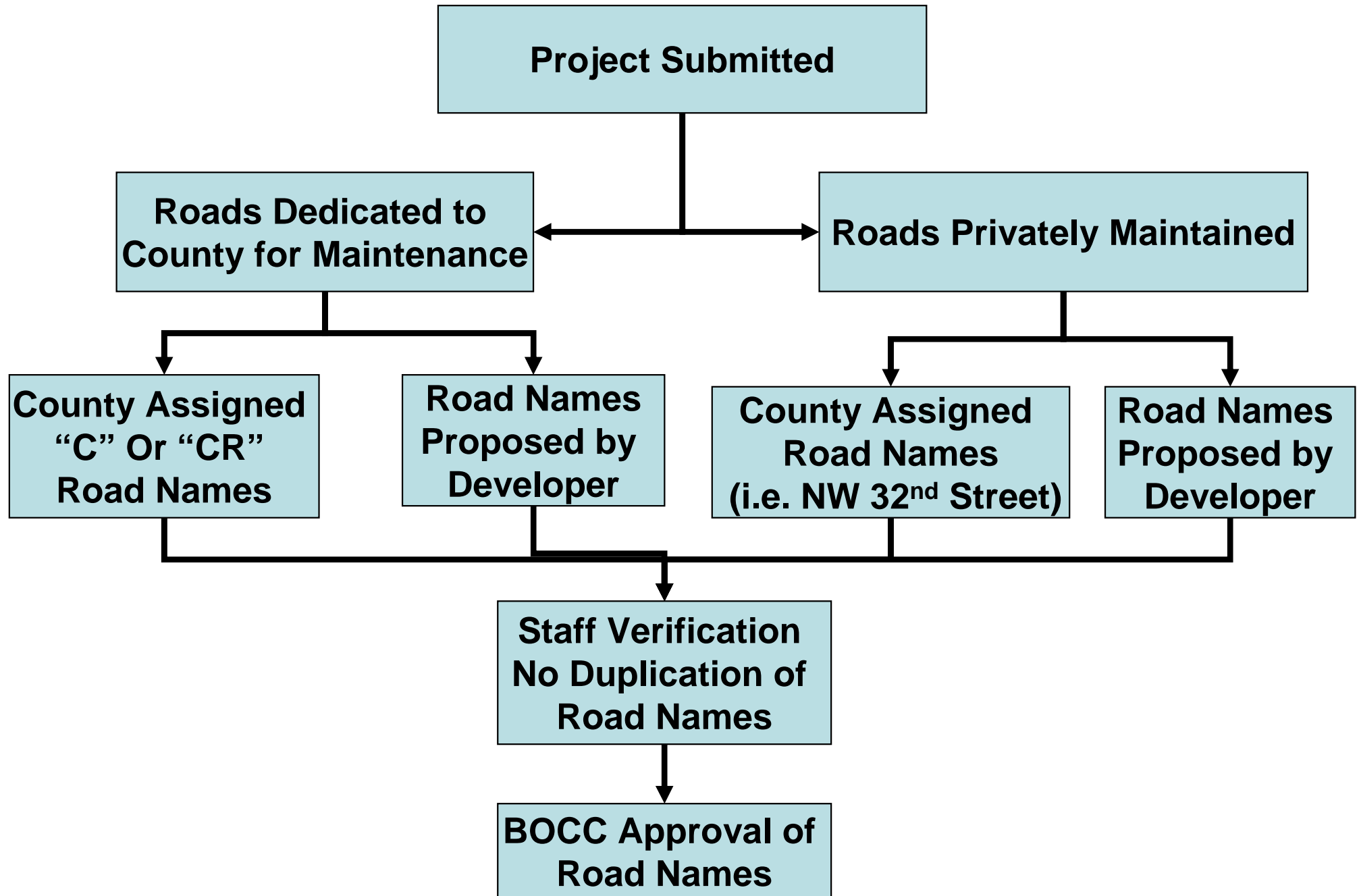
Option 2 – Require all roads dedicated to the County for maintenance be named by the County (i.e. “C” or “CR” roads). The developer may still propose their own road names for privately maintained roads.

Option 3 – Require all private roads be named by the County (i.e. SE 123nd St.). The developer may still propose their own road names for roads dedicated to the County for maintenance.

Staff requests the Board provide direction to either:

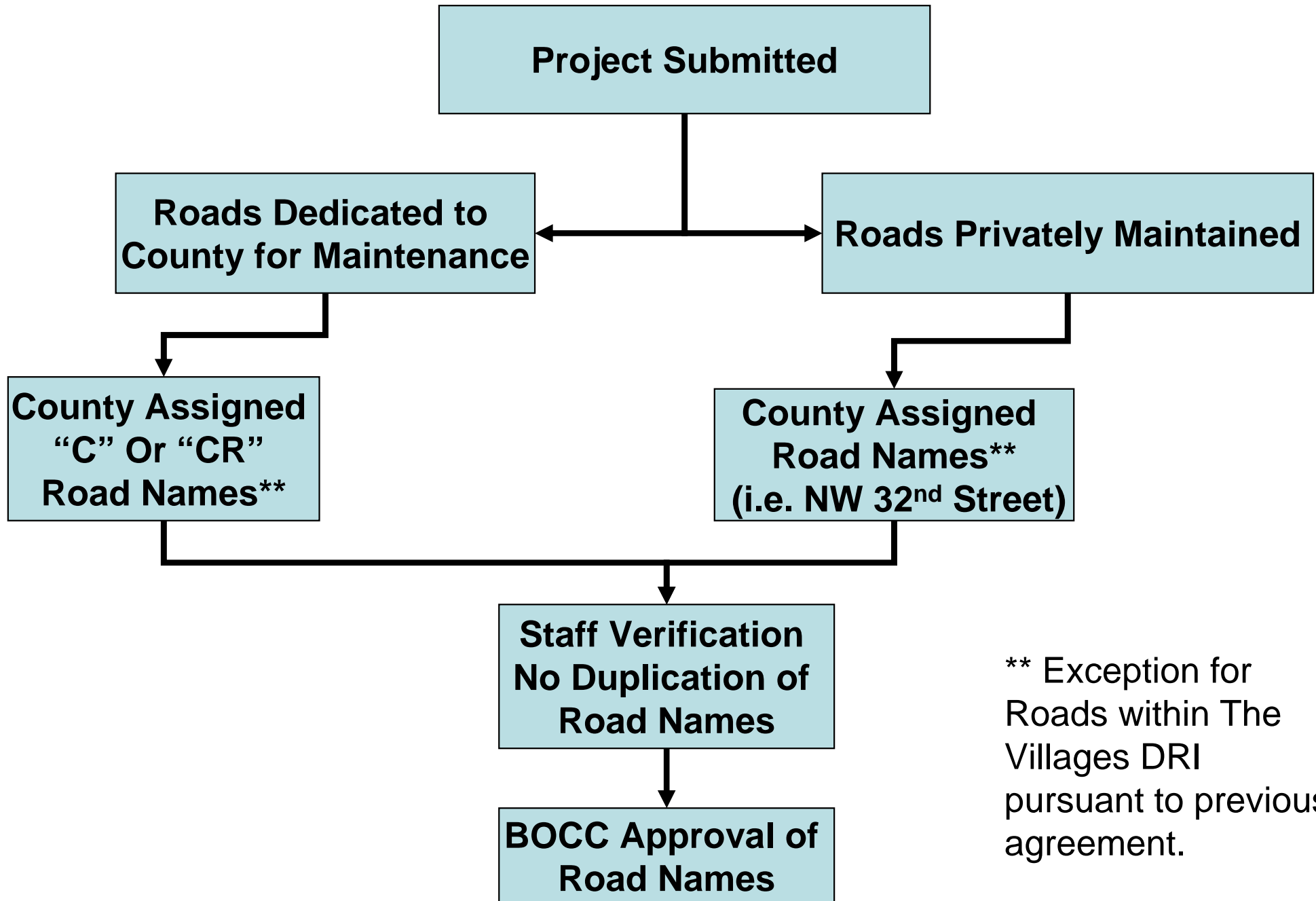
**Maintain current process;
Develop ordinance to implement Option 1;
Develop ordinance to implement Option 2;
Develop ordinance to implement Option 3;
Other – as directed by the Board.**

Current Road Naming Process for New Developments



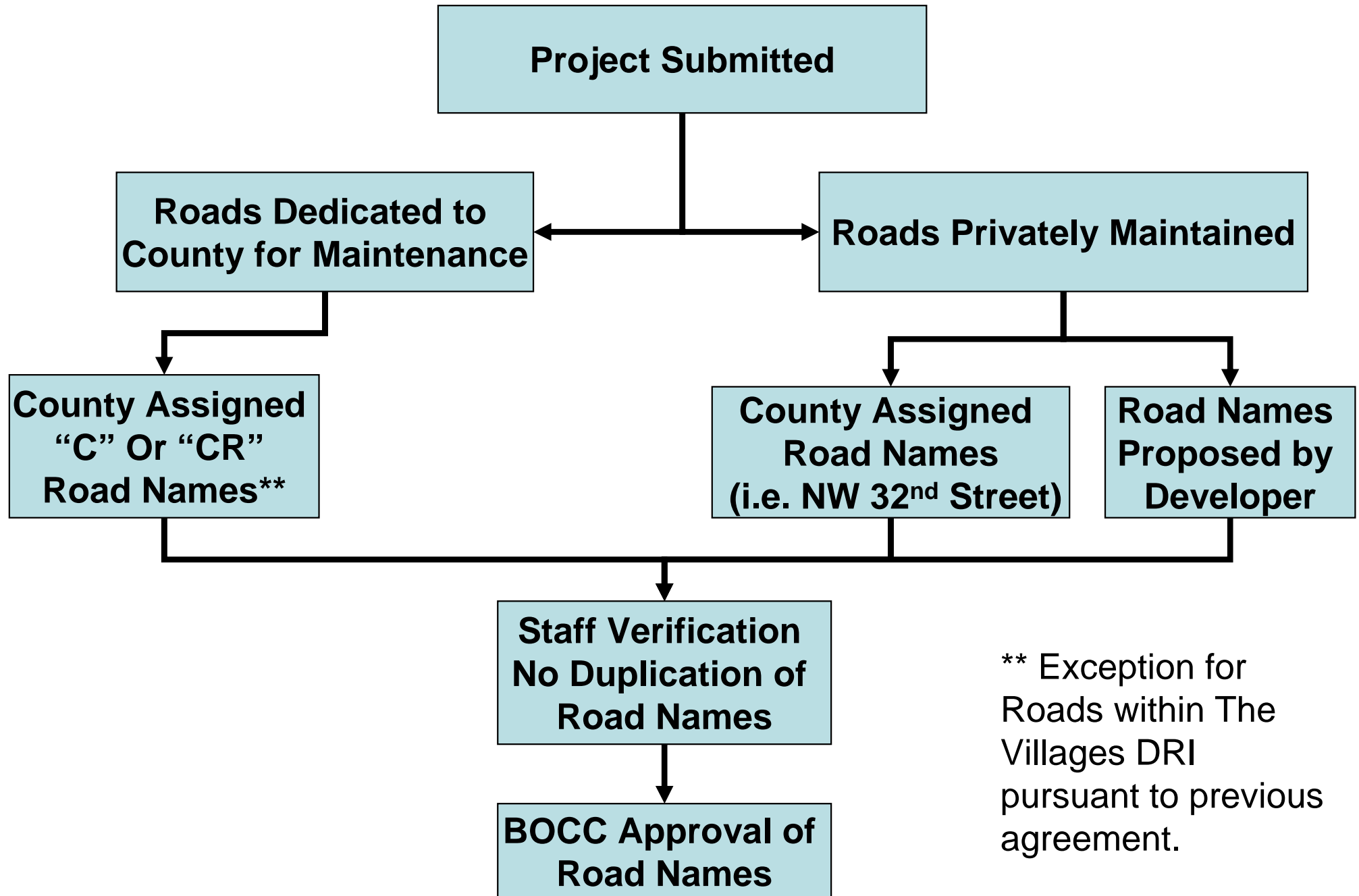
Option 1: Road Naming Process for New Developments

Mandatory Road Names All Roads**



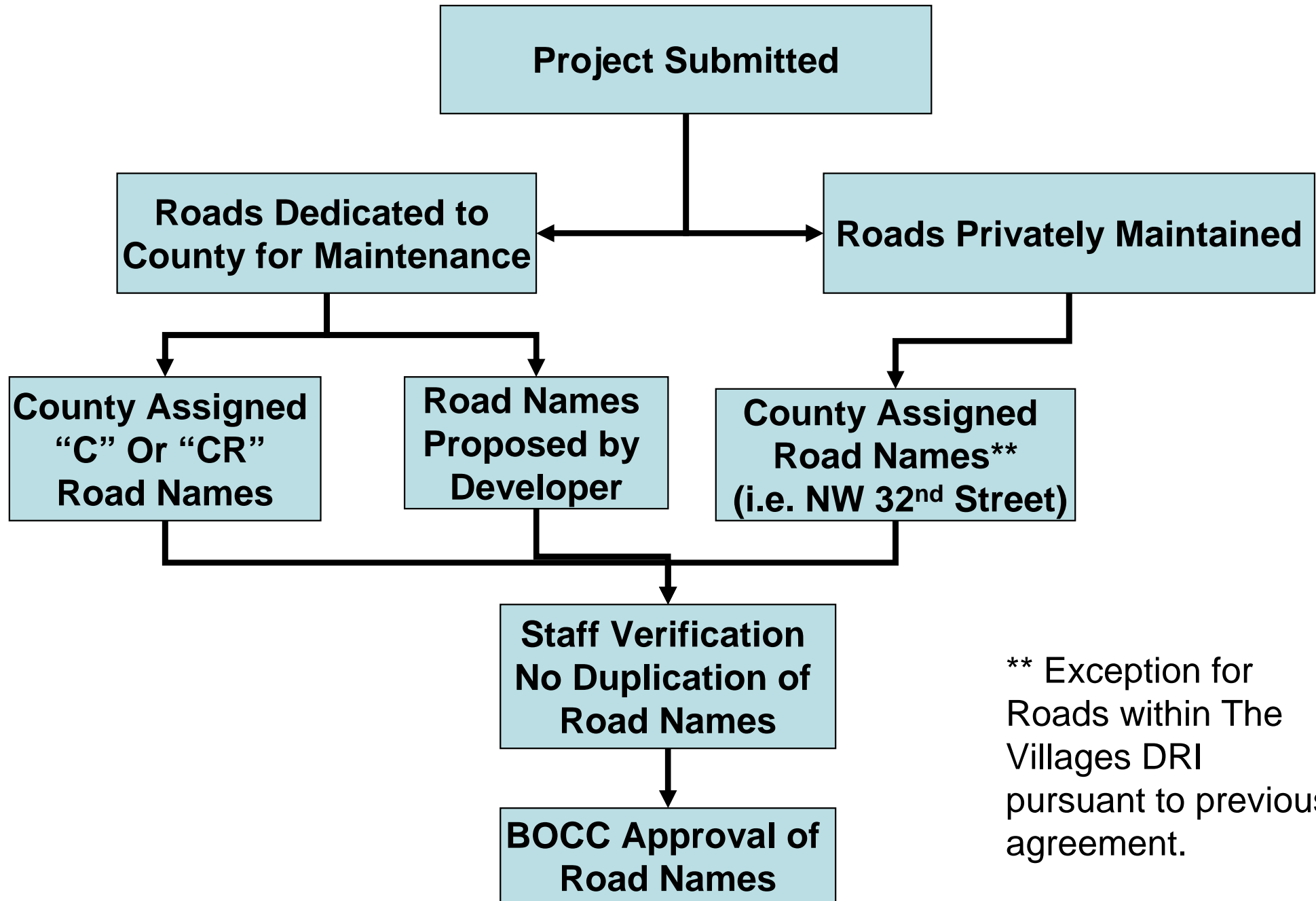
Option 2: Road Naming Process for New Developments

Mandatory Road Names for County Maintained Roads Only**



Option 3: Road Naming Process for New Developments

Mandatory Road Names for Private Maintained Roads Only**



** Exception for Roads within The Villages DRI pursuant to previous agreement.